Procedure for hiring of buses/cars in ITDC

2559. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI : Will the MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what procedure is being followed about the empanelment of agencies/persons by ITDC Management for hiring of buses/cars to cater to the needs of the tourists in the country;

(b) whether ITDC employees or their rela. tives are also allowed, preferred and/or empanelled for earring out such business in ITDC, if so, the details thereof, unit-wise/station-wise;

(c) the names of agencies/individuals empanelled by ITDC Management on each unit with dates thereof;

(d) whether any procedure has been adopted to verify the financial/business capabilities of such empanelled agencies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The criteria for empanelment of persons/agencies is ownership of minimum two specified cars matching with ITDC standard of quality and service. The Committee duly constituted by the competent authority scrutinises the applications to ascertain the laid down criteria before empanelment.

(b) No ITDC employee is allowed/preferred to be empanelled for such business. However, there is no check in the procedure to ascertain relationship of the applicant to any employee.

(c) The requisite information is given in the *Amexure. [See* Appendix-172, Annexure no. 60].

(d) and (e) For empanelment of private transport operators/agencies, only the suitability of their vehicles is ascertained.

Manufacture of Aircrafts in the country

2560. SHRI K. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether under liberalised economic policy aircrafts are manufactured by certain private sector companies;

(b) if so, the names of such organizations State and Territory-wise;

(c) whether some Public Sector Organizations are already in the field of manufacture of aircrafts in the country;

(d) if so, the details of their locations, State and Territory-wise;

(e) whether the aircraft's manufactured by private companies are ensuring necessary standards; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the measures proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) M/s. Taneja Aerospace and Aviation (P) Limited, Hosur, Tamilnadu, (ii) M/s. Raj Hamsa (P) Limited, Mysore, Karnataka and (iii) M/s. Pinaki (P) Limited, Hyderabad Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) (i) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh and Bangalore, Karnataka, (ii) Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited, Ranipur, Uttar Pradesh.

(e)and(f) Yes, Sir. The firms are approved for manufacture of aircraft by Director General of Civil Aviation after ensuring compliance with requirements of design and manufacturing processes.

Setting up of accident investigation laboratories

2561. SHRI K. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether under the accident prevention programme, various measures have been taken :

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether such measures have yielded some fruitful results;

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether these safety measures also pro vide for setting up of some Accident Investiga tion Laboratories in the country; and

(0 if so, the names of places where these have been set up alongwith their functions specially to prevent air-accidents ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) The following measures have been taken under the accident prevention programme :—

(i) Safety audit of airlines, (ii) Monitoring of flight recorders, (iii) Frequent proficiency and standardisation check of airlines crew and periodic spot check on operation and maintenance activities of the operators by the DGCA. (iv) Strict adherence to weather minima and Instrument Let Down Procedures, (v) Dissemination of safety information, (vi) Monitoring of critical operations area, (vii) Implementation of measures to prevent bird-strike incidents; and (viii) Strict action against the operators/ airline crew for violation of safety norms, (c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The number of accidents to Indian Civil Registered Aircraft has shown a declining trend during the period from 1991 to 1994.

(e) and (f) Laboratory facilities have been set up at DGCA offices at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Hyderabad for investigation of aircraft accidents. The facilities include flight recorder decoding, optical and electronic microscope, material testing of fuel and oil etc.

National Action Plan for tourism

2562. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether in order to accelerate the development of tourism in the country, some ne.v programmes under the National Action Plan for Tourism have been launched;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of States and Territories covered under th«se programmes;

(c) Whether there is large potential in tourism industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to take some additional measrres to boost the industry to improve the economic conditions further; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (d) With a view to providing major boost for development of tourism in the country, National Action Plan for Tourism provides that only identified circuits/destinations will be taken for intensive development. In the first instance 11 circuits and 6 destinations have been identified for concentrated development. These circuits/destinations ar» listed at Statement. *(See* below). No doubt •India is a great tourism destination and has vast potential.

(e) and (f) In addition to the above circuits/ destinations the following special tourist areas have been identified in consultation with the concerned State Government for intensive development :• -

1. Bekal Beach
2. Muttukadu-Mahabalipuram
3. Sindhudurg
4. Puri-Konark
5. Diu

Further many fiscal and monetary incentives have been provided to encourage the industry and support investments in tourism industry so that economic advantages of development can flow to the residents of those areas/states.

Statement

Circuits-cum-Destinations Identified for Intensive Development under National Action Plan

TRAVEL CIRCUITS

J. Kulu-Manali-Leh
2. Gwalior-Shivpuri-Orcha-Khajuraho
3. Bagdogra-Sikkim-Darjeeling-Kalimpong
4. Bhubaneswar-Puri-Konark